

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6168–6181; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 115; H. Con. Res. 134; and H. Res. 739 were introduced. **Pages H5200–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5201–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1857, for the relief of Bartosz Kumor (H. Rept. 112–617);

H.R. 824, for the relief of Daniel Wachira (H. Rept. 112–618);

H.R. 823, for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas (H. Rept. 112–619);

H.R. 794, for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley (H. Rept. 112–620);

H.R. 357, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic (H. Rept. 112–621); and

H.R. 316, for the relief of Esther Karinge (H. Rept. 112–622). **Page H5200**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rivera to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5133**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5137**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bud Roland, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Austin, Texas. **Page H5137**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. **Page H5140**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. **Page H5148**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives and those who were wounded in the shooting in Aurora, Colorado on Friday, July 20, 2012. **Page H5149**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 459, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Cap-

itol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H5137**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Preserving America's Family Farms Act: H.R. 4157, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit the Secretary of Labor from reissuing or issuing a rule substantially similar to a certain proposed rule under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 relating to child labor." **Page H5167**

Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan: The House began consideration of H.R. 6082, to officially replace, within the 60-day Congressional review period under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, President Obama's Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program (2012–2017) with a congressional plan that will conduct additional oil and natural gas lease sales to promote offshore energy development, job creation, and increased domestic energy production to ensure a more secure energy future in the United States. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–29 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that makes technical corrections to the underlying bill and

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Richardson amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that adds a new section which provides that in determining the areas off the coast of California to be made available for leasing under this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Governor and legislature of the State of California.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Holt amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to strike the provision

that requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a single multi-sale environmental impact statement for all of the new areas opened for drilling by the underlying bill; **Page H5175**

Markey amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to prohibit gas produced under new leases authorized by this legislation from being exported to foreign countries;

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Markey amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to create a statutory requirement that new leases offered pursuant to this act include drilling safety improvements in response to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster;

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Holt amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to end free drilling in the Gulf of Mexico by requiring oil companies to pay in order to receive new leases on public lands;

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of how much the price of gasoline will decrease as a result of any oil or gas found under the permit; and

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Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 112–616) that seeks to require each drilling permit application to include an estimate of the impact on global change of the consumption of any oil or gas found under the permit.

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H. Res. 738, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4078) and (H.R. 6082) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 503, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 502.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–127). **Page H5141**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5148–49, H5149–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES AND SECURITY LEAD TRANSITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Afghan National Security Forces and Security Lead Transition: The Assessment Process, Metrics, and Efforts to Build Capability. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Moorefield, Ambassador, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans and Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; Charles M. Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

VALUE OF ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Education Reforms: Discussing the Value of Alternative Teacher Certification Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NRC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy and Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a joint hearing entitled “NRC Policy and Governance Oversight”. Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Allison Macfarlane, Chairman; Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner; William Magwood, Commissioner; and William Ostendorff, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup of the “No More Solyndras Act”.

EXAMINING CONSUMER CREDIT ACCESS CONCERNS, NEW PRODUCTS AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Consumer Credit Access Concerns, New Products and Federal Regulations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF DODD-FRANK’S INSURANCE REGULATIONS ON CONSUMERS, JOB CREATORS, AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held